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SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC PREPCOM MEETING: POSTPONEMENT OF
EIGHTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING

OSLO FOR YODER AND HEG

1. THE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER INTERESTED AGENCIES HAVE
CONSIDERED THE FEASIBILITY OF POSTPONING THE EIGHTH
CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON THE ANTARCTIC TREATY UNTIL THE
AUTUMN AFTER THE LOS MEETING. GIVEN THE FINDINGS OF THE
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YODER/HEG CONSULTATIONS IN CAPITALS AND THE CONSIDERABLE

INTEREST IN SUCH A POSTPONEMENT AMONG TREATY NATIONS AT THE PREPCOM, AS REPORTED IN A YODER/RICHMOND TELECON ON OCT 15, THE US PARTICIPANTS IN THE PREPCOM ARE AUTHORIZED TO ACCEDE TO POSTPONEMENT IF IT APPEARS THAT THERE WILL BE A SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY FOR SUCH ACTION WHEN THE MATTER COMES TO THE FLOOR. WE ARE NOT WILLING, HOWEVER, TO ALLOW THE CONSULTATIVE TO SLIP BEYOND 1975, AND NOTE WITH CONCERN THAT THE HOST COUNTRY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO OBTAIN THE CONFERENCE SERVICES, NOW UNDER CONTRACT FOR APRIL, IN THE LATTER HALF OF 1975. WE TRUST IT WILL FIND ALTERNATE PERSONNEL TO PERMIT THE SCHEDULING OF THE BIENNIAL MEETING IN THE PROPER TIME FRAME.

2. WE CONCUR IN THE PROPOSAL TO HOLD ANOTHER PREPCOM BEFORE THE LOS PROVIDED IT IS ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFINING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ANTARCTIC RESOURCES QUESTION AND LOS CONCERNS. KISSINGER

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